

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. An information service apparatus for providing information to a terminal connected through a network in accordance with a request sent from the terminal, the information service apparatus comprising:

10           an operation panel on which operation information on said information service apparatus is displayed;

15           language correspondence judgment means for judging whether or not the information can be provided in a language designated by discrimination information contained in the request from said terminal; and

20           language determination means for determining the language to be used in providing said information, wherein, when said language correspondence

25           judgment means determines that said information in the language designated by said discrimination information cannot be provided, said language determination means sets an operation panel language used for displaying said operation information on said operation panel as the language used for providing said information .

2. The information service apparatus as  
claimed in claim 1, further comprising discrimination  
information existence judgment means for judging whether  
said discrimination information is contained in the  
5 request from said terminal, wherein said language  
determination means sets said operation panel language  
as said language used for providing said information  
when said discrimination information existence judgment  
means judges that said discrimination information is not  
10 contained in the request from said terminal.

15           3. The information service apparatus as  
claimed in claim 1, wherein a plurality of languages are  
supported as the operation panel language so as to use  
one language previously selected from among the  
plurality of languages when displaying the operation  
20 information on said operation panel.

4. The information service apparatus as  
claimed in claim 1, wherein, when the language  
designated by the discrimination information contained  
in the request from said terminal corresponds to neither  
5 of said plurality of supported languages, said language  
correspondence judgment means judges that said  
information cannot be provided in the language  
designated by said discrimination information.

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5. The information service apparatus as  
claimed in claim 1, wherein the request from said  
15 terminal is a HTTP request, and said discrimination  
information is a value of an Accept-Language field  
included in said HTTP request.

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6. The information service apparatus as  
claimed in claim 1, wherein said information service  
apparatus is an image processing apparatus.

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7. An information display apparatus comprising:

information service request means for sending a send request to an information service apparatus that 5 provides information through a network, the send request for requesting said information and designating a language used in displaying said information; and

information display means for displaying said information received from said information service 10 apparatus,

wherein, when said information service apparatus is incapable of providing said information in the language designated by said information service request means, said information display means displays 15 said information received from said information service apparatus in a language used for displaying information on an operation panel of said information service apparatus.

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8. An information service system comprising:  
a terminal connected to a network; and  
25 an information service apparatus sending

information to said terminal through said network in accordance with a request sent from said terminal,

wherein said information service apparatus comprises:

5           an operation panel on which operation information on said information service apparatus is displayed;

             language correspondence judgment means for judging whether or not the information can be provided  
10          in a language designated by discrimination information contained in the request from said terminal; and

             language determination means for determining the language to be used in providing said information,  
15          wherein, when said language correspondence

judgment means determines that said information in the language designated by said discrimination information cannot be provided, said language determination means sets an operation panel language used for displaying said operation information on said operation panel as  
20          the language used for providing said information; and

             wherein said terminal displays said information in the language determined by said language determination means.

9. An information service method for providing information from an information service apparatus to a terminal connected to said information service apparatus through a network in accordance with a 5 request sent from said terminal, comprising:

a language correspondence judgment procedure of judging whether or not the information can be provided in a language designated by discrimination information contained in the request from said terminal; 10 and

a language determination procedure of determining the language to be used in providing said information,

wherein, when said language correspondence 15 judgment procedure determines that said information in the language designated by said discrimination information cannot be provided, said language determination procedure sets an operation panel language used for displaying said operation information on said 20 operation panel as the language used for providing said information.

10. The information service method as claimed  
in claim 9, further comprising a discrimination  
information existence judgment procedure of judging  
whether said discrimination information is contained in  
5 the request from said terminal, wherein said language  
determination procedure sets said operation panel  
language as said language used for providing said  
information when said discrimination information  
existence judgment procedure judges that said  
10 discrimination information is not contained in the  
request from said terminal.

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11. The information service method as claimed  
in claim 9, wherein a plurality of languages are  
supported as the operation panel language so as to use  
one language previously selected from among the  
20 plurality of languages when displaying the operation  
information on said operation panel.

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12. The information service method as claimed  
in claim 9, wherein, when the language designated by the  
discrimination information contained in the request from  
said terminal corresponds to neither of said plurality  
5 of supported languages, said language correspondence  
judgment means judges that said information cannot be  
provided in the language designated by said  
discrimination information.

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13. The information service method as claimed  
in claim 9, wherein the request from said terminal is a  
15 HTTP request, and said discrimination information is a  
value of an Accept-Language field included in said HTTP  
request.

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14. The information service method as claimed  
in claim 9, wherein said information service apparatus  
is an image processing apparatus.

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